In the Claims

1.   (Amended) A [Charging] charging system for electronic commerce, which comprises a service provider terminal for providing service [for] to a user via a network [by] in response to a request from a user terminal, the system charging a [fee on the] user a fee corresponding to said service, comprising:

a charge collection terminal for collecting a fee from said user, which fee is reflected [on] by said service provided by said service provider terminal,

the charge collection terminal existing individually from said service provider terminal.

2.   (Amended) The [Charging] charging system for electronic commerce according to Claim 1, wherein:

said user terminal generates service request data and digital signature data and transmits them via the network to said service provider terminal, the service request data is for requesting desired service [of] for the user [to] from said service provider terminal[,] and the digital signature data is created based on said service request data; and

said service provider terminal transmits to said charge collection terminal said digital signature data, said service request data and charged fee data, the charged fee data calculated based on said service request data [to said charge collection terminal, and transmits said digital signature data and said service request data to said charge collection terminal responding to request of said user].

3.   (Amended) The [Charging] charging system for electronic commerce according to Claim 2, wherein:

said digital signature data is created only by said user.

4.   (Amended) The [Charging] charging system for electronic commerce according to Claim 1, wherein:

said user terminal generates service request data and digital signature data and transmits them via <u>the</u> network to said service provider terminal, the service request data is for requesting <u>from said service provider terminal</u> desired service [of]/<u>for</u> the user [to said service provider terminal,] <u>and</u> the digital signature data is created based on said service request data;

said user terminal comprises <u>a memory</u> medium which stores said service request data; and

when the user [has objection against] <u>objects to</u> the charge, in [case of happening charged] <u>response to a</u> fee collection notice from said charge collection terminal, the user enables [to send] <u>a sending of data stored in</u> said memory medium to said charge collection terminal, and the charge collection terminal enables [to] <u>the</u> read out <u>of</u> said service request data and said digital signature data from said memory medium to confirm <u>the provided desired service</u>.

5.   (Amended) <u>The</u> [Charging] <u>charging</u> system for electronic commerce according to Claim 4, wherein:

said digital signature data is created only by said user.

6.   (Amended) <u>The</u> [Charging] <u>charging</u> system for electronic commerce according to Claim 4, wherein:

said service request data stored once in said memory medium is impossible to rewrite.

7.   (Amended) <u>The</u> [Charging] <u>charging</u> system for electronic commerce according to Claim 1, wherein:

said service provider terminal charges a fee to said user based on <u>a</u> time period [providing] said service <u>is provided</u> to the user.

8.   (Amended) <u>The</u> [Charging] <u>charging</u> system for electronic commerce according to Claim 1, wherein:

said service provider terminal charges a fee to said user based on contents provided to the user.

9.   (Amended) A method of charging for electronic commerce, a service provider terminal providing service [for] to a user via a network [by] in response to a request from a user terminal, and charging a [fee on the] user a fee corresponding to said service, comprising steps of [that]:

collecting a charged fee from said user by a charge collection terminal, which fee is reflected [on] by said service provided by said service provider terminal, wherein:

the charge collection terminal is provided individually from said service provider terminal.

10.   (Amended) [A] The method of charging for electronic commerce according to Claim 9, [wherein] further comprising the steps of:

generating service request data and digital signature data on said user terminal, transmitting the service request data and the digital signature data via the network to said service provider terminal, the service request data [is] for requesting desired service [of] for the user [to] from said service provider terminal[,] and the digital signature data is created based on said service request data;

transmitting to said charge collection terminal charged fee data [by] from said service provider terminal, the charged fee data calculated based on said service request data [to said charge collection terminal]; and

transmitting to said charge collection terminal said digital signature data and said service request data from said service provider terminal [to said charge collection terminal responding to the request of said user].

11.   (Amended) [A] <u>The</u> method of charging for electronic commerce according to Claim 10, wherein:

said digital signature data is created only by said user.

12.   (Amended) [A] <u>The</u> method of charging for electronic commerce according to Claim 9, wherein:

[generating] <u>said</u> service request data and <u>said</u> digital signature data <u>are generated</u> by said user terminal;

[transmitting] said service request data and said digital signature data <u>are transmitted</u> via the network to said service provider terminal;

the service request data is for requesting desired service of the user to said service provider terminal, the digital signature data is created based on said service request data;

said user terminal [comprises memory medium which] stores said service request data; and

when the user [has objection against] <u>objects to</u> the charge, in [case of happening charged] <u>response to a</u> fee collection notice from said charge collection terminal, the user enables [to send] <u>a sending of data stored in</u> said [memory medium] <u>user terminal</u> to said charge collection terminal, and the charge collection terminal enables [to] <u>the</u> read out <u>of</u> said service request data and said digital signature data from said memory medium to confirm <u>the provided desired service</u>.

13.   (Amended) [A] <u>The</u> method of charging for electronic commerce according to Claim 12, wherein:

said digital signature data is created only by said user.

14.   (Amended) [A] <u>The</u> method of charging for electronic commerce according to Claim 12, wherein:

said service request data stored once in said memory medium is impossible to rewrite.

15.   (Amended) [A] <u>The</u> method of charging for electronic commerce according to Claim 9, wherein:

said service provider terminal charges a fee to said user based on <u>a</u> time period [providing] said service <u>is provided</u> to the user.

16.   (Amended) [A] <u>The</u> method of charging for electronic commerce according to Claim 9, wherein:

said service provider terminal charges a fee to said user based on contents provided to the user.

In the Abstract of the Disclosure

At page 21, line 2, please replace "sends data for" with --, in--.

At page 21, line 3, after "service" please insert - -, sends to a service provider data--.

At page 21, line 4, please replace "to the service provider , the" with --. The--.

At page 21, line 8, please delete "against".

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending in this application. The specification has been amended to correct grammar, spelling and usage. Claims 1-16 have been amended to correct grammar and to provide proper antecedent basis. It is respectfully submitted that such amendments are supported by the specification, claims, abstract of the disclosure and the drawings as originally filed, and that no new matter has been added.